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## KNOX SAMPLES!

Knox Samples were a little late in coming this season, but they are here and on display in our center show window. Every style of

## STRAW HAT

Made by Knox. Sizes, 67-8, 7 and 71-8. None worth less than \$3.00, and most of them \$4.00 and \$5.00. Our price

## 33 1/3 Per Cent Disc't

## J. H. Anderson & Co.

### JUDGE HAMMONDS.

#### Gracey Officials Merely Swap Offices.

Ex-Postmaster W. J. Hammonds, of Gracey, who was recently removed as postmaster and H. C. McGehee appointed in his stead, has dropped gracefully into the office vacated by Mr. McGehee. Mr. McGehee was police judge of Gracey and had to resign that office. Saturday Judge Fowler appointed Mr. Hammonds to succeed him.

#### DIVORCE PROCEEDINGS

#### Instituted and Custody of Three Children also Asked.

Mary Taylor has instituted divorce proceedings against Ellis Taylor, alleging severe cruelty. The parties, the petition states, were married in this county about ten years ago and lived together until October 1898. Plaintiff seeks an absolute divorce and the custody of their three children.

#### S. K. C. WON ONE.

#### Mooney Team Will Play here Next Friday Afternoon.

The South Kentucky Ball team played two games with the S. O. U. nine of Clarksville. S. K. C. lost the first game and won the second by 11 to 10. Both were very exciting and were witnessed by large crowds. The game to have been played here last Friday with the Mooney nine was postponed until next Friday afternoon.

"Young Men's Day" was observed in the city Sunday. Young ministers from the Y. M. C. A. occupied several pulpits in the morning. At 3 p. m. a service for men was held at the Methodist church and at 7.30 a big union meeting was held at the Tabernacle. Rev. John Lake preached at the Baptist church at the morning service.

### SOME OF THE PRIZES

#### To be Awarded Old Time Fiddlers Friday Night.

The merchants of the city have donated the following prizes to be awarded at the Old Time Fiddlers' Contest at the Union Tabernacle next Friday night:

Forbes & Bro., 1 set silver teaspoons; Pyle & Garnett handsome lamp stand for the fiddler who plays "Natchez Under the Hills" best; E. B. Bassett, 1 negligee shirt for the fiddler who has the biggest mouth; George W. Young, cuff and collar box; Mrs. Ada Layne, 1 berry spoon; L. M. Cayce, 1 can Heekin & Co's Ken-Hee coffee; J. H. Anderson & Co., 1 shirt for leanest fiddler; F. A. Yost & Co., 1 buggy whip for fiddler who has been married longest; John Moayon Co., 1 hat; J. O. Cook, fiddle bow, for fiddler who pats his foot most; W. R. Bowles, 1 half doz. best photographs for ugliest fiddler; H. A. Keach & Co., nice rocker, for laziest fiddler; Miss Sallie Hooser, silk handkerchief; C. R. Clark, 3 lb can Mocha and Java coffee; Bass Shoe Co., 1 half doz. socks, for fiddler with biggest feet; Anderson's Studio, 1 half doz. cabinet best; F. T. Robinson, Forbes' Spray Top Extract; F. P. Renshaw, one footstool, for fiddler with sorest corns; Hopper & Kitchen, box stationery; R. C. Hardwick, smoker's set; J. T. Wall, \$1 straw hat, for baldest headed fiddler; L. L. Elgin, box stationery; Joe P'Pool, mgr. The Racket, handkerchiefs; Winter Bros., cake, for hungriest fiddler; Jack Meador, fine razor, for fiddler with biggest beard; M. E. Nolen, box fine candy; KENTUCKIAN on year for fattest fiddler.

The concert by the Treble Clef Club, at the Opera House Friday night, was a great musical treat. Madame Bertelle, the soprano soloist, sang in a manner that delighted all who heard her.

## LAST DAYS OF ST. PIERRE!

Greatest Disaster That Ever Occurred on the Western Continent!

West Indian Volcano Buries 40,000 People Without Warning!

## EIGHTEEN SHIPS IN THE HARBOR DESTROYED!

Graphic Description of the Eruption of Mt. Pelee May 8.

By William Peters, American Consul at St. Lucia:

"St. Lucia, May 10.—The destruction of St. Pierre is complete. The upper end of the island is nearly all under ashes. The southern part of Martinique is safe, so far as the destruction of cities is concerned, but all vegetation is destroyed.

"People and stock are perishing for water. Rivers are blocked with ashes. Food is scarce and a famine cannot be escaped. The crater of La Soufriere, on St. Vincent, is in full eruption. The eruption is visible fifty miles away. Steamers report thick ashes 200 miles from the island. It is impossible to approach the shore. The loss of life must be enormous, but detailed information is at this time impossible. Cable communications to St. Vincent are destroyed. Every effort is being made to reach the island, and there is great fear that some of those making the heroic attempt will be lost.

"Forty thousand people perished on Martinique, including the Governor and his wife, and many other notables. The entire population of St. Pierre and practically all of the residents in nearby villages are among the victims. All the shipping in the harbor, except the steamer Roddam, was destroyed with nearly all the crews. The Roddam reached here. Her captain is badly burned. Practically her whole crew is either dead or badly hurt."

#### Eruption Still Continues.

London, May 10.—Private dispatches received late this afternoon from the West Indies say the eruption at Martinique is decidedly worse.

The French Cable company received cablegrams this morning announcing that the eruption at Martinique continues and that ships are afraid to go near the island.

The latest messages indicate that the number of deaths will be about forty thousand.

Several of the smaller islands near Martinique have also suffered. Lloyd's agent at St. Lucia, B. W. I., cables that later news fully confirms the disaster at St. Pierre. He says he cannot ascertain the names of the vessels which have been lost, but they include one Italian barque and two steamers, one probably being the Grappler, the cable ship belonging to the West Indies and Panama Telegraph company.

Lloyd's agent at St. Thomas, D. W. I., cables that St. Pierre has been totally destroyed by fire, and that all the inhabitants perished. All the vessels in the harbor were lost. These include the Grappler. The steamer Roraima, belonging to the Quebec Steamship company, took fire in the port and became a total loss. All on board the Roraima perished.

#### Consul Prentiss a Victim.

Ft. De France, Martinique, May 10.—The Governor of Martinique, N. L. Mouttel, who started for St. Pierre the day before, has not been heard from and is thought to have perished. His staff colonel and wife were with him.

Senator Knight, president of the general council, must also be dead,

as well as the United States consul, T. T. Prentiss, and all the other foreign consuls.

The wiping out of the city was accomplished in a few minutes.

#### Destruction Was Swift.

After a week of rumbling in the interior of the volcano, followed by showers of lava dust Wednesday, the molten lava burst out suddenly at 8 o'clock yesterday morning.

St. Pierre was destroyed and all of its inhabitants killed almost in a twinkling. Those who saw the eruption from the sea say that masses of fire fell from the sky.

Although St. Pierre is only fifteen miles distant from here, it is impossible to approach it on shore. Hot ashes and ruins block all approach. The telegraph line to the city is destroyed.

#### Search for Survivors.

Every available vessel has been sent to the harbor of St. Pierre to rescue survivors, if any there be.

The French cruiser Suchet, which was here during the night and brought the first definite story of the disaster, has gone to Guadeloupe for provisions, and will reach St. Pierre harbor to-morrow morning.

It is thought that the residents of adjoining districts not overwhelmed who were dependent on the city for their food supplies, will be in danger of starvation unless help soon reaches them.

#### Saw the Eruption.

The commander of the Suchet reported that he saw the eruption and went in as close to St. Pierre as he dared. He rescued about thirty persons from vessels in the harbor, eight of them from the Quebec Steamer Roraima, which exploded and sank after it had been set on fire by the lava. All of the rescued persons are burned, some of them terribly.

A number of the officers of the Suchet were sent ashore in small boats, but they were unable to penetrate the town. They saw heaps of bodies upon the wharves, but they did not see a single living being. They report that not a single vessel in the harbor escaped.

#### Not One Escaped.

The commander of the Suchet believes that not a single person in St. Pierre at the moment of the outbreak escaped, that the entire town is destroyed, and that probably many of the surrounding parishes are devastated.

#### Heap of Ruins.

Fort De France, Island of Martinique, May 11.—Advices received here today from the vicinity of St. Pierre (ten miles from here) contain further details of the volcanic upheaval, which resulted in the utter destruction of the town and the death of nearly all of its inhabitants.

The latest reports received here show that lava continues to pour down the slopes of the mountain, slowly engulfing the whole north side of the island, while fresh crevasses are continually opening.

The 450 survivors who were brought here yesterday from the vicinity of St. Pierre by the French cable repair ship, Pouyer Guertier, came from the town of Le Precheur, where, surrounded on all sides by flowing lava, they were nearly

## I AM Ready for Spring!

COME TO THE FEAST!

Come and make your selections now from My Stock of Fresh Spring Goods

Just Opened at T. M. Jones'

New Silks for Dresses and Waists, New Wash Goods, New Challies, New Dress Trimmings.

#### NEW WASH GOODS.

Mercerized Zephyrs, Mercerized Linens, Silk Spot Zephyrs, Madras Cloth, Chamby Gingham, Chock and Corded Gingham, Covert Cloth, Fancy Dress Ducks, Colored Dimities and Lawns, Etc.

#### WHITE GOODS.

Persian Lawns, Vici Lawns, Indian Linen, Linen Lawns, Dimities, Check Nainsook, Jones Cambric, Piques, Etc.

#### New Floor Coverings.

Carpets, Rugs, Mattings, Linoleums, Oil Cloths, Etc. Big assortment in every line to select from. All are welcome.

## T. M. JONES,

MAIN STREET.

HOPKINSVILLE, KY.

roasted to death and expected momentarily to be engulfed.

The work of relief is progressing here on the most extensive scale possible, but, in anticipation of disturbances, the treasury building and the warehouses are guarded by troops.

#### Wearing Its Smoke Cap.

The crater at Mt. Pelee has been wearing its "smoke cap" since the third of May; but there was nothing until last Monday to indicate that there would be the slightest change. On that day a stream of lava shot through the top of the crater and spread into the valley, overwhelming the Guerin Sugar Works and killing 23 people and the son of the proprietor.

A commission was appointed by the Governor to investigate the outbreak and it returned a reassuring report on Wednesday evening. But about 8 o'clock on Thursday morning a shower of fire rushed down on St. Pierre and the coast from Le Carbet, which had a population of 6,000 to Le Precheur, which had a population of 4,000, burning up everything in its path.

The commander of the Suchet, conducted a search at St. Pierre yesterday. The captain reports that the town is now a mere heap of smoking ruins, under which the victims of the catastrophe are buried. The Suchet was able to convey some of the inhabitants of Le Precheur to Fort de France, but could not reach the northernmost part of the island, on account of the dense rain of ashes.

The captain of the Suchet further reported that the Mont Pelee volcano still had a threatening aspect yesterday evening. Subterranean rumblings were still heard; flashes of flame frequently belched from the volcano, and stones were thrown out with immense force. There is no doubt that Gov. Mouttel and the commander of the troops at St. Pierre, Col. Dain, are dead.

Other dispatches confirm the reports that the American and British consuls and their families perished.

#### The Stricken Island.

Martinique is an island 43 miles long and not half as wide. It has an area of 380 square miles and had a population of 190,000, mostly negroes. Mt. Pelee is 4,300 ft. high and its last eruption was in 1851.

Thomas T. Prentiss was the consul and Amedee Testarte vice consul at St. Pierre. Mr. Prentiss was born in Michigan and appointed into the consular service from Massachusetts.

#### Great Disasters in History.

History records few if any disasters equal to the St. Pierre catastrophe. The most destructive eruption of the famous Mt. Etna was in 1693, when the city of Catona was overwhelmed and 18,000 people perished in the ruins. In 1783 Hecla, in Iceland, destroyed twenty villages and 9,000 people. In 1815 Tomboro, in Sumbawa, had an eruption and only 26 of the 12,000 inhabitants escaped. The destruction of Pompeii

by Vesuvius is a classic tragedy.

Earthquakes have claimed more victims than volcanic eruptions. In 526 in Antract 250,000 people perished in an earthquake. In 1755 Lisbon and a part of Portugal were destroyed and 30,000 people in Lisbon sank into an abyss, from which not one body was recovered.

In 1822 Aleppo and other cities were overthrown in six seconds and 30,000 souls perished. In 1812, in Caracas 1200 were killed. In 1746 a tidal wave from an earthquake drowned the 5,000 inhabitants of Callao.

#### LEASED LAND

#### In Tennessee And Will Open Rock Quarry.

Mr. Jas. Holman will open a stone quarry near Columbia, Tenn., having leased land near that place. Mr. Holman now has contracts to furnish thirty cars of stone per day, to be used by the L. & N. Railroad and by furnaces. His plant, including crusher, will cost about \$12,000.

#### CONVENTION AT CROFTON.

#### New Universalist Church Will be Dedicated Sunday.

The Universalist State Convention will be held at Crofton commencing Friday, May 16th, and continuing three days. The new church edifice will be dedicated on Sunday. Rev. F. C. Beckett will preach the dedicatory sermon.

#### HORSE SHOW AT PEMBROKE.

#### There Will Be Rings For All Classes.

The citizens of Pembroke are preparing for a big horse show on next Thursday. There will be rings for all classes of horses, jacks and mules and many good premiums will be offered. The Pembroke Horse Show Association was organized last week with the following officers: J. H. Williams, president; Kanston P. Cross, secretary; C. R. Hancock, treasurer.

#### ICE CREAM SUPPER

#### To be Given at Bell Thursday Night.

An ice cream and strawberry supper will be given next Thursday night, May 15, in the Grange Hall at Bell, this county.

The proceeds will be used in repairing the hall. Everybody is invited to attend.

A force of 68 union linemen employed by the Cumberland Telephone Co. at Owensboro were laid off last week and 13 non-union men—all who will be needed for the present—were put on in their places, at \$2 per day.